

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office action mailed December 15, 2005. Applicant acknowledges the allowability of claims 64 - 66 if rewritten so as to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112 and so as not to depend on rejected claims.

Claims 64 and 66 have been cancelled, and claim 65 has been rewritten to include the limitations of canceled claim 46, as well as to respond to the Section 112 rejections as follows:

1. The phrase "said loop being adapted for encircling a first body portion for attaching said pages to the body," has been changed to "said loop being adapted for encircling a first body portion," eliminating reference to "the body."
2. The phrase "wherein said pages are of substantially the same size and shape as each other" has been changed to "wherein each of said pages has a size and a shape, wherein all of said pages have substantially the same said size and shape."

One more change was made to claim 65; particularly, the phrase "when said stretching is relaxed" has been deleted because it detracts from the claim's clarity. It is clear without this phrase that the loop is first stretched over the larger body portion and, thereafter, circumferentially contacts the smaller body portion.

Accordingly, it is believed claim 65 is now in condition for allowance.

New claims 92 - 123 all depend from claim 65, and so these claims should also be allowable over the prior art.

Claims 88 - 91 have been maintained, with claim 88 being amended to further clarify the subject matter claimed. These claims have not been cancelled due to an understanding, reached during a telephone conversation with the Examiner on March 8,

2006, that the rejections of these claims based on Laubacher will be withdrawn in a second, non-final action. The Examiner has not indicated that these claims are therefore allowable, and did not indicate with specificity what concerns remain, but it is believed that the amendment to claim 88 may be helpful in advancing this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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